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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

SIR:

This amendment and response is submitted in reply to an Office Action mailed on July 28, 2004. A petition for a three-month extension of time from October 28, 2004 to January 28, 2005 is being concurrently submitted with authorization to charge the extension fee to deposit account no. 11-0600. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed. Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Amendment in the above-identified case.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: